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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard F. "Dick" Bailey of Moline, who passed away on February 22, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bailey was born in Moline to Richard and Hannah Dasso Bailey on May 30, 1922; after the passing of his father, his mother married Oscar Newberg, who became a devoted stepfather to him; he graduated from Moline High School in 1940 and entered an apprenticeship at John Deere Planter Works as a tool and die maker; he declined a World War II active service deferment from John Deere and, in 1943, enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, where he trained as a tail gunner in the B-24 Liberator bomber; he flew 35 missions over Germany through heavy enemy fire, which damaged his plane but did not harm the crew; he was honorably discharged in October of 1945 at the rank of Staff Sergeant; 70 years later, in a ceremony at Rock Island Arsenal, he was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal by the Commanding General of the First Army; he married Betty "Jean" Knable in Moline on March 21, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bailey returned to John Deere Planter Works, where he was active in the International Association of Machinists Union, serving on its contract negotiating committee; he retired in October of 1982, after 42 years of

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1 service to John Deere; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Bailey was a lifetime member of the
3 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; he was a longtime
4 member of the Moline Viking Club; he was a passionate baseball
5 fan, having played a great deal in his younger years and having
6 coached American Legion baseball teams and his children's
7 school teams; he also enjoyed vacationing and fishing in the
8 Hayward, Wisconsin area and watching old movies; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Bailey was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his wife, Betty; and his sister, Marian Foss; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard Bailey is survived by his daughter, Pamela
12 (Jane Shanks) Bailey; his sons, Tom (Carol) Bailey and Gary
13 Bailey; his 3 grandchildren, Kristen (Jerry Kinney) Bailey,
14 Greg Bailey, and Philip (Courtney) Bailey; his
15 great-grandchildren, Cannden Spicer Bailey, London Bailey,
16 Kingston Bailey, Lelan Bailey, Emersyn Bailey, Annistyn
17 Bailey, and Haley Kinney; and his sister, Betty Claeys;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Richard F. "Dick" Bailey, and extend our sincere condolences to
22 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Richard Bailey as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.